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Transportation Update

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Governor's Proposed 2006-7 Budget Released

The Governor's budget includes a number of items favorable to transportation:

- The budget provides \$235 million for State Transit Assistance, which provides operating funds for public transit. This is a \$35 million increase over the current year.
- The budget fully funds Proposition 42 by transferring \$1.4 billion in fuel sales tax revenue from the general fund to transportation programs. This transfer will provide \$678 million for Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects, \$582 million for STIP projects and \$146 million for the public transit.
- The budget proposes to use \$920 million in general fund revenue to partially repay one-year early Prop 42 loans made to the general fund. The repayment plan would allocate \$582 million to STIP projects, \$410 million to TCRP projects, and \$255 million would be split between cities and counties for street and road maintenance projects.

Litigation continues to hold-up the sale of \$1 billion in bonds for transportation that are financed by the new tribal gaming compacts. Further details of the budget proposal are available on the State website.

Governor Unveils Strategic Growth Proposal

Governor Schwarzenegger unveiled his Strategic Growth Plan for California in January. The Governor plans to leverage \$68 billion in general obligation bonds to finance a \$222 billion investment plan that covers the next ten years. The Governor also proposes to cap the amount of resources that can be used for debt

service to 6% of revenues. The Plan spreads the bonds out over the next five election cycles.

The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan for transportation outlines an investment of \$107 billion over the next ten years. The plan does not include investment in urban public transportation or local transportation projects. His investment proposal includes the following assumptions:

- \$47 billion from existing funding sources. This includes Proposition 42 funds, federal funds, state fuel tax and weight fees, and tribal gaming bonds.
- \$48 billion in "new" funding. These funds consist of new and extended local transportation sales tax programs, operational savings realized through using design-build contracting, and revenue generated through public/private partnerships. Additional "new" revenue would be realized in 2015 when the Plan would use 25% of existing gas tax and weight fee revenue to securitize bonds.
- \$12 billion in new bond funds. \$6 billion would be placed on each of the June 2006 and 2008 ballots.

The Governor's plan for transportation would create a new transportation programming process parallel to the existing State process. Projects funded by the Governor's plan would be selected by Caltrans and the BT&H Agency and adopted by the CTC. The projects must be on the state highway system or a non-interstate route that connects two urban areas. The bill does not allow a local agency to directly request a project. This proposal completely sidesteps the State current process contained in law for selecting projects.

Not only does the Governor's proposal create a new project planning process, the

bond revenue would be exempt from the traditional funding guarantees. This includes the county share requirements that guarantee a reasonable return of fuel taxes paid by county.

The Governor's proposal would also: (1) allow Caltrans and local agencies to utilize design-build contracting for any transportation project; and (2) expand the ability of Caltrans and regional transportation agencies to enter into public/private partnerships for constructing toll lanes, HOT lanes, or toll roads.

CMA Approves Project List for the Transportation for Livable Communities Program

At its January meeting, the CMA's Plans & Programs Committee adopted the final program of projects for the Transportation for Livable Communities program. Approximately \$7 million is available in this round of funding. The following projects were approved for funding:

- ❑ Oakland Coliseum BART – streetscape improvements and environmental and design for a pedestrian walkway
- ❑ West Oakland BART – streetscape project
- ❑ MacArthur BART – infrastructure improvements
- ❑ Ashby BART (Ed Roberts Campus) – bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- ❑ Union City BART – pedestrian and bicycle enhancements

The final program has been submitted to MTC.

Community Based Transportation Plans to Begin in East Oakland and Berkeley

At its January meeting, the CMA authorized community based plans in East Oakland and Berkeley. These plans are funded by MTC and should be complete by early 2007. For additional details, contact the CMA offices.

Deadlines to Note

Local Streets & Roads Rehab: Cycle 3 Federal STP (approx. \$9.1 million)

Final Program February 23, 2006

Lifeline Transportation Program (approx. \$5 million)

Call for Projects March 2006

Deadline for Project Submittals April 2006

Draft Program May 2006

Final Program June 2006

Combined Measure B Bicycle-Pedestrian Program, Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Program and TFCA Eligible Projects

Call for Projects Spring 2006

Deadline for Project Submittals Summer 2006

Upcoming Meetings

February 1/2 CTC (Sacramento)
7 CMA Technical Advisory Committee
10 CMA Board Retreat (Livermore)
13 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
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23 CMA Board Meeting

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